

# PICUS MAJOR.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* polyedrum, rectum: apice cuneato.  
*Nares* pennis setaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.  
*Lingua* teres, lumbriciformis, longissima, mucronata, apice retrorsum aculeata fetis.  
*Pedes* scanforii.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 173.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PICUS albo nigroque varius, crisso occipiteque rubro.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 176.

PICUS varius major.

*Will. orn.* 94. t. 21.

PICUS discolor.

*Frisch. av.* t. 36.

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Inter aves Britannicas quæ pulcherrimæ habentur Pico majori conceditur sedes, rariori longe Pico viridi et vulgari, et in Angliæ partibus Septentrionalibus præcipue conspecto. Deest feminae color

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vivide

vivide coccineus quo occiput maris ornatur: utrif-  
que vero in imo abdomine idem levis est sed pul-  
cherrimus rubor. Depingitur in tabula deminuta  
avis magnitudo.





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GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* angular, strait, cuneated at the tip.

*Nostrils* covered with reflected bristly feathers.

*Tongue* cylindric, worm-shaped, very long, sharp-pointed, and (generally) aculeated at the tip with reflex bristles.

*Feet* formed for climbing, viz. two toes forward and two backward.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

BLACK AND WHITE WOODPECKER with the hind-head and lower part of the abdomen crimson.

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*Will. orn.* p. 137. pl. 21.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER.

*Pennant Brit. Zool.* No. 85.

L'EPEICHE, ou le Pic varié.

*Buf. ois.* 7. p. 57.

*Pl. enl.* 196. 595.

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The *Picus major*, or greater spotted Woodpecker, is one of the most elegant of the British birds. It

is far less common than the *Picus viridis* or green woodpecker, and is principally seen in the northern counties. The rich red on the back part of the head of the male is wanting in the female, but both sexes have the same elegant light crimson on the lower part of the abdomen. It is represented on the plate much smaller than the natural size.